

ALASKA FEDERATION OF NATIVES BRD. MEETS

Jack Wick Reelected as Board Chairman as Was Vice Chm. Angasan

The Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. Board of Directors met Thursday, January 30, 1975. Election of new officers took place at this time.

Jack Wick, Koniag, Inc. was re-elected as Chairman of the Board; Ted Angasan, Bristol Bay Native Corporation was re-elected as Vice-Chairman; Carl Moses, Aleut Corporation was elected Secretary; and Jim LaBelle, Chugach Natives, Incorporated was elected Treasurer.

Roger Lang was given a full vote of confidence by the Board of Directors as the President. Guests, Pauline Douglas, Antoine Mountain, Antoine Liske and Niel Collins, from the MacKenzie River District in Canada were in attendance, representing two organizations — the Indian Brotherhood and Metis Association of the North West Territories.

The group was here to learn about and observe the impact of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act and the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. They have visited Eklutna, Glennallen, and the Bethel area.

Items discussed were proposals being reviewed by the Board and possible legislation. There was discussion of the request for assistance from the Aboriginal Lands of Hawaiian Ancestry Association (Aloha, Assn.).

AFN, Inc. by resolution of the October Convention supports the land claims pursuit of the association and have sent a letter of renewed support to Congressmen Lloyd Meeds, Chairman of the Indian Affairs Sub-Committee, who will be conducting public hearings on the Hawaiian land claims on February 12th in Hawaii.

Extensive discussion centered around the 13th Region and the NANA Regional Corporations' proposal allowing mergers of villages within a region into the regional corporation. This proposal would require an amendment to the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. These items will be on the February 24th agenda.

Mr. George Miller, representing the Alaska Tribal Association, a newly organized group of the 4 Cities and reserves that constitute 7,000 people and 3.5 million acres of land was present.

Mr. Miller presented the Articles and By-Laws of the association and a request for consideration of the Board for a seat on the Board of Directors of AFN, Inc. This will be discussed further at future meetings.

Judy Brady of the Alaska Native Claims Appeal Board was present to discuss the proposed change that would establish the Appeals Board within the Office of Hearings and Appeals. There were concerns expressed about these proposed changes.

A meeting with the Alaska Task Force has been scheduled for the 25th of February in Washington, D.C. concerning the land selection and appeal procedures, easements and proposed corridors.

The Board recessed this meeting until February 24th to Washington, D.C. where they will meet prior to the Alaska Task Force Meeting.

The meeting will be held in the conference room of NANA Regional Corporation's attorneys in D.C., they are located at Wilkinson, Cragin & Barker; 6th Floor; 1735 West New York Avenue.